

## **CPNI Support STATEMENT**

The operating procedures of West Central Telephone Association are designed to ensure compliance with the CPNI rules applicable to them. Such procedures are as follows.

### **CPNI Use**

- (1) Our company is in compliance with the FCC's CPNI rules because our company does not use CPNI in its marketing efforts, and does not permit the use of, or access to, customer CPNI by our affiliates or any third parties. We use, disclose or permit access to CPNI only for the purposes permitted under 47 U.S.C. Sections 222(c)(1) and (d)

### **CPNI Safeguards**

- (1) We have implemented a system by which the status of a Customer's CPNI approval can be clearly established prior to the use of the CPNI.
- (2) We have trained our personnel as to when they are, and are not, authorized to use CPNI, and we have an express disciplinary process in place to deal with employee failures.

### **CPNI Notice Requirements**

- (1) Our company will notify and inform each Customer of his or her right to restrict the use or disclosure of, and access to, CPNI along with a solicitation of approval, and we will maintain records of that notification, whether oral or written, for at least one year.
- (2) Our notifications provide information sufficient to enable our Customers to make informed decisions as to whether to permit the use or disclosure of, or access to, their CPNI. Our notifications: (a) contain a statement that the Customer has a right, and we have a duty, under federal law, to protect the confidentiality of CPNI; (b) specify the types of information that constitute CPNI and the specific entities that will receive CPNI, describe the purposes for which the CPNI will be used, and inform the Customer of his or her right to disapprove those uses and deny or withdraw access to CPNI use at any time. With regard to the latter, we indicate that any approval, or disapproval, will remain in effect until the Customer affirmatively revokes or limits such approval or denial.
- (3) We advise the Customer of the precise steps the Customer must take in order to grant or deny access to CPNI, and we clearly state that a denial of approval will not affect the provision of any services to which

the Customer subscribes. However, we may provide a brief statement, in clear and neutral language, that describes the consequences directly resulting from the lack of access to CPNI. In addition, we may state that the Customer's consent to use his or her CPNI may enhance our ability to offer products and services tailored to meet the Customer's needs and that we will disclose the Customer's CPNI to any person upon the affirmative written request of the Customer.

- (4) Our notifications are comprehensible and not misleading and, if written, are legible, sufficiently in large type, and placed in an area readily apparent to the Customer. And, if any portion of a notification is in another language, all portions of the notification will be in that language.
- (5) We do not include in the notification any statement that attempts to encourage a Customer to freeze third-party access to CPNI.
- (6) For "opt-out" approvals, our notifications satisfy (1) – (5). We do not use oral notifications except to obtain limited, one-time use of CPNI for inbound and outbound customer telephone contacts for the duration of the call. When we use oral notice in this manner, we comply with (1) – (5), except that, if none of the following situations are relevant to the limited use for which we seek CPNI, we will not: (a) advise Customers, if they have opted out previously, that no action is needed to maintain the "opt-out" election; (b) advise Customers that we may share CPNI with our named or unnamed affiliates or third parties if the limited CPNI usage does not result in use by, or disclosure to, an affiliate or third party; (c) disclose the means by which a Customer can deny or withdraw future access to CPNI, so long as we explain that the scope of the approval is limited to one-time use; and (d) disclose the precise steps a Customer must take to grant or deny access to CPNI, so long as we clearly communicate that the Customer can deny access to his or her CPNI for the call.
- (7) In addition, for "opt-out" approvals, we wait at least 35 days after giving Customers notice and an opportunity to opt-out before assuming Customer approval to use, disclose, or permit access to CPNI and notify Customers of the applicable waiting period for a response before approval is assumed. For electronic notifications, we recognize that the waiting period begins to run on the date the notification is sent and, for mail notifications, it begins to run on the third day following the date the notification was mailed. For e-mail opt-out notices, in addition to other requirements, we: (a) obtain express, verifiable, prior approval to send notices by e-mail regarding their service in general or their CPNI, in particular; (b) allow Customers to reply directly to e-mails in order to opt-out; (c) use another means of communicating the notice if the e-mail is returned as undeliverable before considering the Customer to have received notice; and (d) ensure that the subject line

in the e-mail clearly and accurately identifies the subject matter of the e-mail.

- (8) In addition, for “opt-out” approvals, we provide notices to our customers every two years, and we make available to every customer a method to opt-out that is of no additional cost to the Customer and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We may satisfy this requirement through a combination of methods, but we will allow Customers to opt-out at no cost and whenever they choose.
- (9) Our company is prepared to provide the FCC with written notice, within five business days of any instance where the “opt out” mechanisms do not work properly.